

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A welt for positioning between adjoining components, ~~in particular components used in the automobile industry,~~ the welt comprising:
  - a welt core;
  - a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;
  - a welt flap laterally protruding from within said welt core and having opposing ends;wherein the welt flap comprises at least one a first fastening element and a second fastening element, both integrally formed therewith with the welt flap, and projecting therefrom;

wherein the decorative material is one of mesh fabric, synthetic or genuine leather, and a textile fabric; and

wherein the welt flap ~~is~~ and the first and second fastening elements are made of a more rigid material than the welt core; and

wherein the first fastening element projects diagonally away from a first side of the welt flap and is configured to apply a force to a first adjoining component in a direction toward the welt core, and the second fastening element projects diagonally away from a second side of the welt flap, opposite the first side, and is configured to apply a force to a second adjoining component in a direction away from the welt core.
2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ one of the first fastening element and the second fastening element is disposed along the welt flap ~~is a first fastening element~~ between the a-welt core ~~end~~ and a free end of the welt flap.

5. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of the first fastening element and the second fastening element is disposed ~~is a first fastening element and the welt further comprises a second fastening element~~ at a free end of the welt flap.

6. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and second fastening elements are arranged on the opposing ends of the welt flap.

7. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and second fastening elements are rod-shaped.

8. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first fastening element extends in the direction of the welt-core end of the welt flap and the second fastening element extends to the free end of the welt flap.

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9. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 7, wherein the angle between the rod-shaped first and/or second fastening element and the welt flap is 42°.

10. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 5, wherein ~~the~~ a distance between the ~~welt flap ends~~ an of the first fastening element attached to the welt flap and an end of the ~~and~~ second fastening element attached to the welt flap ~~elements along the welt flap~~ is substantially one third of the entire length of the welt flap.

11 (canceled).

12. (canceled).

13. (currently amended): ~~Welt according to claim 1,~~ A welt for positioning between adjoining components, the welt comprising:

a welt core;

a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;

a welt flap laterally protruding from within said welt core and having opposing ends;

wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element integrally formed with the welt flap at a free end of the welt flap in a Christmas-tree shape;

wherein the decorative material is one of mesh fabric, synthetic or genuine leather, and a textile fabric; and

wherein the welt flap and the fastening element are made of a more rigid material than the welt core.

14. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 13, wherein the branches of the Christmas-tree shaped first fastening element extend to the welt core end of the welt flap and lie in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the welt core.

15. (currently amended): ~~Welt according to claim 11,~~A welt for positioning between adjoining components, the welt comprising:

a welt core,

a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;

a welt flap protruding from within said welt core and having opposing ends; and

a first fastening element integrally formed with the welt flap at a free end of the welt flap and having an anchor-shape; and

~~wherein in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap, there is a rod-shaped second fastening element, integrally formed with the welt flap in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap, protruding substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the welt flap at opposing peripheral ends of the welt flap;~~

wherein the decorative material is one of mesh fabric, synthetic or genuine leather, and a textile fabric; and

wherein the welt flap and the first and second fastening elements are made of a more rigid material than the welt core.

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16. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and/or second fastening element is provided with recesses in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

17. (currently amended): Welt according to claim ~~5~~16, wherein ~~the~~ a length of each of the recesses ~~distance between adjoining first and/or second fastening elements in the longitudinal direction is substantially equal to a~~ the length between the recesses of the first and/or second fastening element in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

18. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the first and second fastening elements are ~~element is~~ rod-shaped.

19. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core has a circular cross-section.

20. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap has a rod-shaped cross-section.

21. (currently amended): ~~Welt according to claim 1,~~ A welt comprising:  
a welt core;  
a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;

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a welt flap laterally protruding from within said welt core and having a first end within said welt core and a second end away from said welt core;

wherein the welt flap is made of a more rigid material than the welt core; and

wherein the fastening element is a recess on~~is formed in the second end of the welt flap.~~

22. (canceled).

23. (currently amended): Welt according to claim 21, wherein the recess ~~is in the interior of the welt flap and the recess~~ has an enlarged central portion.

24. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core is made of rubber.

25. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap is made of weldable polypropylene.

26. and 27. (canceled).

28. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap extends beyond the decorative material.

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29. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the decorative material terminates flush with the fastening element.

30. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core and the welt flap are formed in one piece.

31. (canceled).

32. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt forms a complete ring.

33. (canceled).

34. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 32, wherein the welt flap comprises a first fastening element operatively connected with a second fastening element that may be coupled to the welt flap.

35. (currently amended): ~~Welt according to claim 32,~~ A welt for positioning between adjoining components, the welt comprising:

a welt core;

a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;

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a welt flap laterally protruding from within said welt core and having a first end within said welt core and a second end away from said welt core;

wherein said welt flap is made of a more rigid material than the welt core;

wherein the welt flap comprises a first notch formed on a first side thereof and a second notch formed on a second side thereof, opposite the first side, wherein the first and second notches are configured to be operatively connected to ~~wherein the second fastening element is a~~  
metal clip.

36. and 37. (canceled).